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Ozark National Scenic Riverways Hosting Ozark Heritage Days Event at Big Spring

Van Buren, MO – The picking of banjos, the clanking of a hammer striking an anvil, the stomping of feet, the lowing of oxen, and the tales told are just some of the sights and sounds visitors can experience during Ozark Heritage Days Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th beginning at 9:00 am. The Ozark Depression Homestead at Big Spring will come alive with high stepping cloggers, Bluegrass music, and Ozark folkway demonstrations during the **FREE** two day event. All are welcome.

Journey into the past and experience old time traditional skills and craft demonstrations. Wool spinning, pottery, woodworking, chair caning, quilting, fiddle making and lye soap making are just some of the traditional Ozark lifeways demonstrated. A necessity on an Ozark farm, a yoke of oxen will pull and plow. The *Country Side Cloggers* dance and teach the art of Appalachian Clogging. Ozark stories and tales are spun by *Champ Herren* during both days. Traditional old time music by *Don Graves*, *Old Pops and the Daisies*, and *Buzzard Run* will abound featuring fiddle, banjo and the old time “Walking Cane” dulcimer. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for the dancing and musical entertainment. Youngsters can enjoy playing old fashioned games. Food will be available for purchase from local vendors.

Big Spring is located four miles south of Van Buren, Missouri, on State Route 103. For more information, phone (573) 323-4236 ext. 0 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/ozar.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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Oxen Pulling



Chair Caning



Buzzard Run